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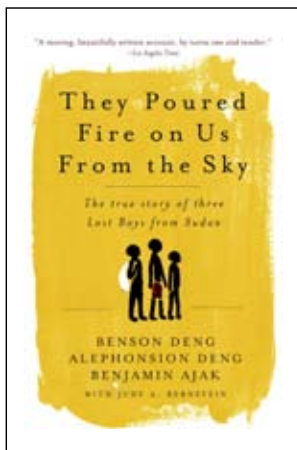
Huntington Beach

HB Reads 2010

Huntington Beach Reads One Book presents its 2010 book selection, *"They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: The Story of Three Lost Boys of Sudan."*

This year's book is a true story of the experiences of three young boys who were forced to flee their homes in southern Sudan in the 1980's and travel by foot to Ethiopia – a journey of over a thousand miles. They crossed deserts and mountains, dodged enemy fire and wild animals and endured thirst, starvation and disease.

Today, the authors, Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng and Benjamin Ajak live in San Diego County along with co-author Judy Bernstein. Their compelling story is a Los Angeles Times best seller and a moving experience for all readers.



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HB Reads One Book is a program of the City's Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees.

Learn more about HB Reads' featured book and events at www.HBReads.org.

HB Reads brings the authors to Huntington Beach High School Gym on **Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm**. Other upcoming events to mark on your calendar include:

BOOKFAIRS – Support HB Reads by purchasing any book, CD, or DVD. A percentage of the sales will be donated to HB Reads. Just tell the cashier you are participating in the HB Reads Bookfair!

- **Sunday, Nov. 29 - Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009**
Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra.
- **Sunday, Feb. 7 - Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010**
Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra.

PAUL TAYYAR BOOK SIGNING

7:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra. Goldenwest College Literature professor, two-time Pushcart Award Winner, and Pulitzer Prize nominee Paul Kareem Tayyar will host a discussion and sign his latest poetry book, *"Postmark Atlantis."*

DOCUMENTARY FILM Series

7:00 pm, Thursdays - Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2009
Central Library, Rms C & D

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

2:00 pm, Monday, Feb. 8, 2010
Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra.

BOOK DISCUSSION, Co-Author Judy Bernstein

2:00 pm, Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010
Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

3:30 pm, Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010
Central Library

AFRICAN MARKET PLACE

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010
Central Library (Time TBA)



Broken Sprinkler Heads

Our call to the citizens of Huntington Beach! Sprinkler heads sometimes break, which causes water geysers. Hundreds of gallons of water can quickly get wasted and the runoff, often tainted with pollutants, eventually reaches the beach and our ocean. Most sprinkler systems are automatic, so broken sprinkler heads can go unnoticed.

Since the city is large and the number of city staff is relatively few, it is impossible for us to keep up with all the broken sprinklers. So please let us know if you see a broken sprinkler by calling 714-536-5921, or visit the City's homepage at www.surfcity-hb.org and click on the Surf City Pipeline button /Water & Sewer Services /Water Conservation to send an e-mail. We will let the owner or property manager know so the sprinkler can be fixed.

We recommend checking your own sprinkler system once a month. Also, adjust the watering time and days according to the season.

Protect Our Waterways

The City leads the way in keeping its beach and waterways clean. For example, heavily traveled sidewalks downtown require constant cleaning to maintain Surf City's image as a safe, clean place to visit. Wastewater is collected and recycled instead of being allowed to flow into the stormdrain and eventually the ocean.

We can all do our part by using dry clean up methods, such as a mop or broom, to clean outside our homes. If water is required, divert the runoff away from the stormdrain into landscape, or collect and dispose of it into the sewer. If you encounter a possible water quality violation (e.g. wash or polluted water being allowed to flow directly into a stormdrain or gutter), contact the 24-hour Toll-Free Pollution Prevention Hotline at **877-89-SPILL**. Remember, it takes all of us working together, leading by example, to maintain the clean and environmentally friendly city.



Interested in a community garden in Huntington Beach? Contact Beach Community Garden Association at www.beachcommunitygarden.org

"Go Green!" Get Your Municipal Services (Utility) Statement Electronically!

eBill is the newest service offered for our customers. You will receive monthly statement and inserts via authorized email. This service is only available to AutoPay customers who have payments automatically deducted from a bank account. The application is at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments. Sign up now for AutoPay and eBill, and "go green." Electronic copies of inserts available on eBill website. If you already use AutoPay, go to www.surfcity-hb.org/ebill to register for this new service.

Also, Check Out Our Two Convenient and GREEN "No-Cost" Payment Options:

- Pay using "No-Cost" ePay service at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments and pay by MasterCard or Visa. Payments credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay by credit card using our voice automated, "No-Cost" **PhonePay** system at 1-877-309-4915. If problems arise, call our customer services representatives at 1-888-357-8394. Payments credited to your account the next business day!

SANDS available at www.HBsands.org

Our green efforts continue with an updated edition of the quarterly publication. The winter SANDS is visually pleasing, carefully edited and nearly 50% lighter than previous Community Services Guides! Limited copies of the SANDS will be available at Community Centers, Libraries, Lifeguard Headquarters and City Hall. New this winter, volunteers will deliver a limited number of SANDS to various Huntington Beach agencies and households while supplies last!

Register Online

Register online for selected classes and programs. 2010 brings many changes, and the Community Services Department is pleased to offer online registration for a limited selection of programs this winter. Visit www.HBsands.org and click on "New! Register on currently available activities online" to view the online registration package.....you will be happy you did!

Classes begin week of January 11, 2010, unless otherwise indicated.